

# DATA STRUCTURE FOR AN ENTERTAINMENT AND COMMUNICATIONS NETWORK

## DESCRIPTION

### RELATED APPLICATIONS

5 The present application is related to U.S. Patent Application No.  
09/849,694 (~~Attorney Docket No. 7261-68779~~) entitled "DIGITAL MULTI-  
ROOM, MULTI-SOURCE ENTERTAINMENT AND COMMUNICATIONS  
NETWORK" to Tomassetti et al.; U.S. Patent Application No. 09/849,693  
~~(Attorney Docket No. 5969-69491)~~ entitled "CONTROL MESSAGING FOR AN  
10 ENTERTAINMENT AND COMMUNICATIONS NETWORK" to Tomassetti et  
al.; U.S. Patent Application No. 09/849,198 (~~Attorney Docket No. 5969-  
69493~~) entitled "INITIALIZATION METHOD FOR AN ENTERTAINMENT AND  
COMMUNICATIONS NETWORK" to Tomassetti et al., all filed coincident  
herewith and assigned to the assignee of the present invention.

### 15 BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

#### *Field of the Invention*

The present invention is related to peer-to-peer local area networks (LANs)  
and, more particularly to a data structure for a peer-to-peer local network wherein  
control data and information, especially multimedia information, is serially  
20 provided to remote stations connected to the network.

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